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SUBJ: DEATH OF CHIVU STOICA

1. ROMANIAN PRESS FEBRUARY 19 ANNOUNCES UNEXPECTED DEATH THE NIGHT BEFORE OF 66-YEAR OLD VETERAN ROMANIAN PARTY LEADER AND FORMER CLOSE GHEORGHIU-DEJ ASSOCIATE, CHIVU STOICA. STOICA, A ONE-TIME HEAD OF STATE (1965-69), WAS DROPPED FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN 1969, BUT HAD RECENTLY BEEN ON THE COME-BACK. RE-ELECTED TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT THE NOVEMBER 1974 PARTY CONGRESS, HE WAS ALSO, SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY, MADE A CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE RCP EXECUTIVE POLITICAL COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION, HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COLLEGIUM, AN ORGAN WITH RATHER IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS AS REGARDS PARTY DISCIPLINE AND CONTROL; HEAD OF THE ROMANIAN-CHINESE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY; AND HAD BEEN NOMINATED UNOPPOSED AS A CANDIDATE FOR NEW GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

2. COMMENT: IN CURRENT LEADERSHIP, STOICA WAS REGARDED PRIMARILY AS A CONTINUITY SYMBOL, JOINING THE PARTY OLD GUARD TO THAT OF TODAY BUT POSSESSING LITTLE INDEPENDENT INFLUENCE. NEVERTHELESS, HE DID OCCUPY A VARIETY OF INTERESTING POSITIONS, WHICH NOW MUST BE FILLED. THIS
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COULD BE DONE SOON, AS THERE MAY WELL BE A CC PLENUM PLANNED

TO PRECEDE THE MARCH 9 ELECTIONS.
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